

1 Remarks

2 Election of Single Disclosed Species

3 A restriction requirement has been imposed upon the Applicant under 35
4 U.S.C. 121. The Examiner has noted in the application two inventions: Group I,
5 corresponding to claims 1-16 and 22-25; and Group II, corresponding to claims
6 17-21. The Examiner has further noted two species, as follows: Species I, wherein
7 the second member comprises Al (1.8-10.0% Si); and Species II, wherein the
8 second member comprises Al (1.0-1.3% Si). Accordingly, the Applicants are
9 required to elect a single disclosed invention and species for prosecution on the
10 merits in the event that no generic claim is finally held allowable.

11 In response, the Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group I, and Species
12 II. The Applicants contend that at least claims 1-16 read on the elected invention
13 and species, and those claims are hereby elected for prosecution under 35 U.S.C.
14 121. This election is being made without traverse.

15 Claims 17-25 have been cancelled, without prejudice.

16 The Applicant believes that the election of a single invention and species as
17 set forth herein above constitutes a full and complete response to the Office action.
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